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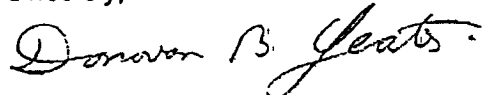
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Dear Dr. Bascom,

I am delighted to be a consultant on your grant, "Mucociliary Clearance: a Biomarker of Sensitivity to Sidestream Tobacco Smoke?". The mucociliary clearance system has been shown to be a very sensitive indicator of inhaled irritants. Tobacco smoke has a number of mediators and agents that could both activate and inhibit this system in the nasopharynx. I believe that working with you and Dr. David Swift on this could both help interpret the mechanisms, whereby your observed results may be mediated, and help us to determine what further mechanistic studies should be conducted in our animal models. I also believe the involvement of Dr. Wong in this project, will add additional worthwhile expertise, especially in terms of his superior technological expertise, and his insight into the intra- and intercellular mechanisms regulating ciliary beat frequency.

I am looking forward to this exciting and mutually beneficial interaction.

Sincerely,



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